

Sanders, LaTonya

From: Sanders, LaTonya
Sent: Thursday, October 09, 2014 1:10 PM
To: 'Kerry DeGregorio'
Subject: Call with Karl Brooks tomorrow morning

Importance: High

Hi Kerry,

Are you available tomorrow morning between 8 -9 a.m. for a 5-10 minute call with Karl re: USACE direct inquiries from congressional staff?

Please let me know.

Thanks.

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✓ send appt to Kerry
✓ send appt to Karl
✓ send email to Ben

West Lake Tag Up Agenda 3/17/15

- I. West Lake Update
 - Farewell Karl, Hello Mark in front office
 - Next issue: IB (waiting on correspondence to be drafted. Alyse working with Brad)
- II. CAG
 - Video still not posted from March 9 meeting
 - No questions received from CAG for next meeting, expecting approx. 3/25
 - Scheduled to conduct conference call with Brad Vann and CAG technical committee on April 1 to discuss questions, ensure clarity, but not provide answers
- III. FOIA status
 - EPA-R7-2015-002255 – Veronique LaCapra. USGS Groundwater Review Report, including all communication. Some USGS docs will be delayed because USGS is still completing their review – anticipating producing a batch at the end of this week or early next week. The second and final batch will take USGS longer to review, possibly until the middle of April.
 - EPA-R7-2015-004739 – Veronique LaCapra – The 80 gigs of air monitoring data. Waiting for the program to produce data. Due 3/31. James Johnson is working on getting this information produced.
- IV. Other topics
 - West Lake Landfill FAQ under construction

OCIR
Laura Vaught - AA
Judy
Nicole Dristefano - DAA

② IB announcement
next week - 3/26
rollout

3/24 pre-brief for Mark
prior to rollout

Congressional briefing
Press release
local elected officials
community stakeholders
AG

Press availability session
state elected officials
County, airport authorities

~~tools~~ press release, letter to
the PRP's, COE attachment
technical document from
R&D

West Lake Tag Up Agenda 3/10/15

- I. West Lake Update
 - Farewell Karl, Hello Mark
 - Next issue: IB?
- II. CAG
 - Meeting held last night. All questions submitted by CAG to EPA have been answered and returned to CAG.
- III. FOIA status
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② Message to Community from Mark / goodbye from Karl
going through concurrence
released on Monday

③ IB

COE has reviewed the PRPs options
none of the alternatives are feasible

EPA going back to the PRPs, put indefinite hold on the IB project
- focus on the final remedy

Subject during the WL Leadership meeting
Press release, talking points, message box
Need draft letter, to prepare PR, TP, etc.
to PRP's

West Lake Tag Up Agenda 4/7/15

I. West Lake Update

- Next issue: Summary report for H₂S, SO₂, and CO; announce CAG meeting. Draft text sent to WL leadership team for review, then will go to CW for review, then to layout.
- Received input from Superfund. Nothing from Lynn or Alyse (repeated requests). Go to layout?

timely review?

II. CAG

- Next meeting April 13. EPA will attend.
- EPA has received CAG questions. Brad Vann and Ben Washburn complete first draft. Routing through SUPR review right now.
- Travel team: Ben Washburn, Curtis Carey, Brad Vann, Jeff Field. ATSDR will also attend.

monday,

Intro of Brad Vann

no formal presentation

III. FOIA status

- EPA-R7-2015-002255 – Veronique LaCapra. USGS Groundwater Review Report, including all communication. Some USGS docs will be delayed because USGS is still completing their review – Alyse and Dave are completing their review of the first batch of documents and we hope to produce that this week. The second and final(?) batch is being reviewed by Alyse now.

first lump sent out?

- EPA-R7-2015-004739 – Veronique LaCapra – The 80 gigs of air monitoring data. Due 3/31. Ben & Emily will contact Veronique today; she has not responded to Ben's previous inquiry because she's been out of the office.

Call Veronique today (Ben & Emily)

IV. Other topics

- West Lake Landfill FAQ: Draft submitted to Lynn for review. Lynn not able to meet last week to discuss. Meeting today at 2:00.

Next announcement: letter to PRPs to direct their work toward the RIM characterization, which will be useful for the long-term remedy.

West Lake Tag Up Agenda 3/31/15

- I. West Lake Update
 - Next issue: Summary report for H₂S, SO₂, and CO; announce CAG meeting. Draft text sent to WL leadership team for review, then to CW for review, then to layout.
- II. CAG ^B
 - Next meeting April 8. EPA will attend.
 - No questions received from CAG for next meeting, expected 3/25. Called CAG 3/30 to inquire, CAG said questions should be received 3/31.
- III. FOIA status
 - EPA-R7-2015-002255 – Veronique LaCapra. USGS Groundwater Review Report, including all communication. Some USGS docs will be delayed because USGS is still completing their review – anticipating producing a batch at the end of this week or early next week. The second and final batch will take USGS longer to review, possibly until the middle of April. *Dave Bryan reviewing documents in lieu of Curt's.*
 - EPA-R7-2015-004739 – Veronique LaCapra – The 80 gigs of air monitoring data. Waiting for the program to produce data. Due 3/31. James Johnson is working on getting this information produced.
- IV. Other topics
 - West Lake Landfill FAQ: Draft submitted to Lynn for review. Next: Lynn and Ben meet Wednesday to edit

AX send to congressmen today
ask statement
Report

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West Lake Tag Up Agenda 4/7/15

- I. West Lake Update
 - Next issue: **Additional RIM characterization work.** Waiting on letter to PRPs directing this work. OPA has not received a draft of this letter to date.
 - Update Path Ahead?
- II. CAG
 - Meeting on 4/13. Ben, Curtis, Brad Vann, and Jeff Field attended. Meeting went well.
 - CAG questions still under review. Currently in SUPR.
 - No date for next CAG meeting yet.
- III. FOIA status
 - EPA-R7-2015-002255 – Veronique LaCapra. USGS Groundwater Review Report, including all communication. Some USGS docs will be delayed because USGS is still completing their review – Alyse and Dave are completing their review of the first batch of documents and we hope to produce that this week. The second and final(?) batch is being reviewed by Alyse now.
 - EPA-R7-2015-004739 – Veronique LaCapra – The 80 gigs of air monitoring data. Due 3/31. Contacted Veronique week of 4/6 for to get update on request.
- IV. Other topics
 - West Lake Landfill FAQ: Met with Lynn to discuss. Organized questions by topic/category. Currently under review for content, style, clarity.

① will
① Press Release
① FAQ's (internal)
① Congressional briefing
① state & local calls

① Community :

- Met w/ Sen. McCaskill
to encourage EPA administrator Gina McCarthy to meet w/ Lois Gibbs
- setting up now to meet w/ Rep. Ann Wagner

① new mayor of Bridgeton:
Terry Briggs

West Lake Tag Up Agenda 7/21/15

I. West Lake Update

- NAAQS/Stephanie Doolan: posted to WL SharePoint for review by senior team.
- ATSDR Health Consult
- Pyrolysis testing
- Phase 1D final results

II. CAG

- Next scheduled CAG meeting is Monday, August 10.

III. FOIA Status

- EPA-R7-2015-007728: MCE requests any comments from the National Remedy Review Board (NRRB) from 2006 through 2009 related to the EPA 2008 Record of Decision (ROD) for the West Lake Landfill Operable Unit 1. ***CLOSED***
- EPA-R7-2014-010810 – Request from Jennifer Barrett. "This request relate to documents pertaining to the Bridgeton Sanitary Landfill in Bridgeton, Missouri ("Bridgeton Landfill") which is referred to on page viii of the Record of Decision, West Lake Landfill Site, Bridgeton, Missouri, Operable Unit 2, dated July 2008 and which was prepared by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7 (CERCLIS ID Number: MOD079900932). Please note that these requests are directed at Bridgeton OU2, not Westlake OU1. Further, our requests only seek information from January 1, 2005 to December 1, 2010."

IV. Media/Press Update

- None

V. Congressional Update

- EPA received a copy of a letter from Senator McCaskill, Senator Blunt, Congresswoman Wagner, and Congressman Clay to DOE Secretary Moniz regarding the site and a potential transfer to the FUSRAP program

VI. Other topics

- New timeline infographic from Skeo
 - Collected feedback from senior WL team to provide to Mark for review before returning to Terrie for complete final draft
- ATSDR Health Consult
 - No release date finalized
 - ATSDR senior Health Physicist Dr. Paul Charp to fly to St. Louis after release, attend CAG meeting (tentative plan)
- West Lake Landfill FAQ
 - In hard copy concurrence

AI Congressional update every two months:
- field work, O&PT screening ← agenda items

AI Check Mark's
Schedule for
30 minute
briefing

West Lake Tag Up Agenda 8/11/15

I. West Lake Update

- Upcoming Work in Areas 1 and 2 as potential topic
- Pyrolysis testing
- ATSDR Health Consult - October release
- Phase 1D final results - may be a briefing for congressional staff

II. CAG

- EPA attended CAG meeting 8/10
- Expanded community engagement visit final itinerary: Earth City, Just Moms STL, MCE, , City of Bridgeton, Maryland Heights community leader, CAG

Brad interviewed by Jacob Barker at the CAG meeting. (St. Louis Post-Dispatch).

III. FOIA Status

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IV. Media/Press Update

- None

AI
new staffer w/ cong. clay
Shawn Weller

V. Congressional/State Elected Official Update

- Bi-Monthly Congressional delegation update
- September update (possibly)

VI. Other topics

- 4th Quarter community engagement strategy
- New timeline infographic from Skeo
 - Put on hold pending site timeline update
- ATSDR Health Consult
 - No release date finalized
 - ATSDR senior Health Physicist Dr. Paul Chorp to fly to St. Louis after release, attend CAG meeting (tentative plan)
- West Lake Landfill FAQ
 - In front office, Mark bounced back to Lynn for edits

West Lake Tag Up Agenda 10/13/15

I. West Lake Update

- **CURRENT**
- ATSDR Health Consult
- **DRAFTED**
- Sulfur 101: What to know about sulfur dioxide
- Meet Stephanie Doolan
- **FUTURE**
- Pyrolysis testing
- Phase 1D final results

II. CAG

- Scheduled for 10/26
- EPA has secured meeting space (Machinists' Hall)
- EPA has no outstanding CAG questions at this time

III. FOIA Status

- New FOIA Request (MCE)

IV. Media/Press Update

- None

V. Congressional/State Elected Official Update

- Request from Sen. McCaskill regarding the recent reports from the MoAG. Requests EPA's interpretation of the data.

VI. Other topics

- Op/Ed
- School District Outreach
- Social Media engagement
- New timeline infographic from Skeo
 - Put on hold pending site timeline update
- West Lake Landfill FAQ
 - In Process to post to web (Martin)

Op/Ed
School board meeting
FAQs

dedicated
West Lake FB & twitter accounts

5-17-13

Sanders, LaTonya

From: Sanders, LaTonya
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2013 4:12 PM
To: Brooks, Karl; Hammerschmidt, Ron; Gravatt, Dan
Cc: Hague, Mark
Subject: West Lake Landfill Update: congressional staff who will be on the call and issues/concerns

Importance: High

Congressional Staff

McCaskill

✓ Joana Middleton
✓ Mark Fowler

Blunt

✓ Kerry DeGregorio

Clay

✓ Pauline Jamry
✓ Steve Englehardt
✓ Lou Aboussie

Wagner

✓ Erik Rust
✓ Brecht Mulvihill

Current Concerns/Issues:

Clay

1. ASPECT results
2. Dr. Criss's report

Blunt

1. Will there be a response from EPA on Washington University's Dr. Robert Criss' report dated 3/14/2013 titled Risk and Character of Radioactive Waste at the West Lake Landfill, Bridgeton, Missouri?
2. According to our update by your office in March 2013 the ground water testing was to be repeated over a 12 month period, has the second water test been conducted? *yes. (April, July, October)*
3. The National Remedy and Review Board is involved in the re-examination of the current ROD remedy. According to Mr. Brooks' letter to Senator Blunt earlier this year the NRRB had recommended in early 2012 that additional studies to improve the Supplemental Feasibility Study be completed such as the groundwater testing. Is the NRRB aware of the underground fire in the residential waste area of West Lake Landfill?

St. Louis County Health Dept.

Mike Zlatich, Tom et al

Missouri Attorney General

Jessica Blome Joan
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Johnathan G.
Mary
et al

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et al

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Crark Gorski / McCaskill

Lou: Did ASPECT fly over Coldwater Creek? yes, sharing results this week

Brecht: time of public meeting

Pauline: How do you test the air and know about underground?
need gamma radiation monitors, detects from the air

Kerry: radiation on top of soil?
p.17 of aspect report (radiation readings)

Pauline: radiation in groundwater outside of the site

CONGL

Don't

- ✓ Fieldwork progressing: done in MAR
- ✓ Lab work done late Apr/early May
- ✓ Design & design Propensity AB for

✓ Avail Sssm on RD Design / Constr Sched.

RD

✓ SSO behavior

✓ Public Mtg early MAR

RD

✓ ORD about if report @ public mtg.

✓ COE on SLMP / C-w Creek: 17 years
D/for 3-4 years left

Sanders, LaTonya

From: Slugantz, Lynn
Sent: Wednesday, December 10, 2014 4:32 PM
To: Vann, Bradley; Field, Jeff
Cc: Jefferson, Matthew; Jackson, Robert W.; Stoy, Alyse; Sanders, LaTonya
Subject: Starting draft of desk statement for release of USGS report

Superfund folks – based on our conversation on Monday, I have put together a few bullets for a desk statement. Please view this document on the “h” drive and edit as you see fit by COB on Friday the 12th so that LaTonya and others in OPA can work on having this ready for next week.

Here is the link to the draft desk statement.

H:\REGION SHARE\West Lake Schedule Tracker\Desk Statements\2014-12-17 USGS Report Desk Statement.docx

Thank you,

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12-16-14

need
draft copy of the report – Lynn

- ① talking points – Chris
- ① desk statement – Chris
- ① press release (stet) – Chris
- ① post on web – Martin
- ① social media – Shannon

December 2014 USGS Report

Bullets for Desk Statement

- Radium has been found in groundwater beneath the site at concentrations above its drinking water Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL). However, as indicated in the USGS report, the source of the radium remains in question, i.e. it cannot be determined with the data collected thus far whether the radium being found in the groundwater has leached from the RIM, from other wastes disposed of at the site or from the surrounding natural bedrock formations.
- We agree with the recommendation in the report that there is a need for additional sampling of the groundwater in the area beneath and around the Westlake Superfund site. This sampling would include additional on-site and off-site sampling points and additional sampling events.
- We will work with our Office of Research and Development, the USGS and the MDNR to better understand the flow and characterization of the groundwater beneath and around the site, including the concentrations and location of both the naturally occurring radium and any radium potentially being released from the RIM or other wastes disposed of at the site.
- Despite the presence of radium in the groundwater beneath the site, the public is not at risk of additional harmful exposure because the groundwater in that area is not a direct source of their drinking water.
- Residents in St Louis County receive their drinking water from the Municipal Sewer District (MDS)(check this name) which is required to sample for radionuclides on a regular basis. (Maybe add more info here on where the water comes from, how it is treated, when and how it is sampled and where the results of the sampling can be found)
- The additional investigation of groundwater can proceed concurrently with the work on the final remedy for OU1 and so will not slow down selection and implementation of the final remedy for addressing the RIM contaminated soils.

Sanders, LaTonya

From: Thomas, Hattie
Sent: Friday, February 07, 2014 6:46 PM
To: Whitley, Christopher; Washburn, Ben; Sanders, LaTonya; Hatch, Sarah
Cc: peterson.mary@epa.gov; Surber, Nancy
Subject: Fw: updates

Fyi - HLT

From: Peterson, Mary
Sent: Friday, February 07, 2014 5:34:18 PM
To: Thomas, Hattie
Subject: updates

I want to update you on a few developments from this afternoon.

Karl called a meeting with me, Mark and Dave Hoefer to discuss his thoughts/ideas about how we might proceed in light of the Post Dispatch editorial. Here is a summary of that discussion:

1. OPA needs to coordinate a visit for Karl to meet with the Editorial Board (or editor supervisor?) of the Post Dispatch for Feb 13 while he is in town. Karl will want a few EPA folks as support on the phone during his conversation with the Editors.
2. Karl will speak with the Colonel (USACE -corps of engineers) about their willingness to validate EPA's position on FUSRAP vs CERCLA and will ask whether they are willing to attend a CAG or EPA public meeting to speak to that effect.
3. The March 21, 2013 letter we sent to Senator Blunt regarding FUSRAP needs to be refreshed and sent to the Congressional delegation we spoke with this morning. Dave Hoefer will take first crack at the redraft. OPA will need to coordinate with OCIR. / Nicole Distefano 2/18 - Dave H. will have draft this afternoon.
4. OPA needs to draft an OpEd for the Post Dispatch to speak to four main points:
 - a. People are safe provided they stay off the landfill contaminated area
 - b. Acknowledge frustration and impatience of the public
 - c. Affirm that EPA is doing its job being thorough and scientific and following our process under the NCP
 - d. Lay out basics of FUSRAP – explain that USACE would follow same process as EPA if they had the lead.
5. OPA needs to consider how we might communicate more regularly with the public – Karl mentioned a weekly communication of some sort (like a newsletter – not social media). We would use this as a means of educating people about various topics (FUSRAP, who is ATSDR, what is a CAG, etc) in addition to providing updates on site activities. Karl will expect us to come with some ideas early next week. West Lake Weekly? resource issue!

I wanted you to be aware of all this before you get here on Monday. Thanks.

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alternative public meeting date: Tuesday March 11, 2014
Florissant Community Center

Sanders, LaTonya

From: Sanders, LaTonya
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2014 3:13 PM
To: Brooks, Karl
Cc: Cacho, Julia; Peterson, Mary; Hoefer, David
Subject: Draft FUSRAP Letter to Congressional Delegation
Attachments: FUSRAP letter to congressional delegation 02 18 14.docx

Importance: High

Hi Karl,

Attached is the draft letter to the congressional delegation (McCaskill, Blunt, Clay, Wagner).

Dave Hoefer has incorporated comments that he received from Stuart Hunt at FFEO and Stuart Walker at OSRTI.

He also had Matthew Jefferson in SUPR review, as he is the RPM for the FUSRAP sites.

Once you approve, I will finalize and prepare for concurrence and your signature.

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Congressional Liaison

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2/24 - Per Dave Hoefer, we will not send a FUSRAP -
letter. Karl stated the Congressionals don't believe
that Westlake is a FUSRAP site -

The Honorable Claire McCaskill
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator McCaskill

As you are aware, there has been much media and public attention in the St. Louis area regarding the West Lake Landfill Superfund site. A recent focus of this attention has been on which agency should lead site remediation to address radioactive material, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency or the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The purpose of this letter is to provide information regarding the roles and responsibilities of EPA and the Corps in responding to contamination at sites in the St. Louis area that were contaminated with low-level radioactive material resulting from the Nation's early nuclear weapons and energy programs.

The EPA is dedicated to accomplishing the goals established by Congress governing remediation of hazardous substances. This agency carries out its statutory responsibility to protect public health and the environment by ordering or overseeing responsible, achievable remedies. As you might expect, the EPA's work has generated substantial public interest, an understandable result of public concern about nuclear contamination's risk and the difficult scientific and engineering issues that this agency must address.

In 1974, Congress enacted the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program to address the cleanup of low-level radioactive contamination that remains at facilities that supported Manhattan Engineer District and the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission activities. FUSRAP requires the Corps to select and implement remedies at sites designated by the Department of Energy and follow the same remedy-selection process used by EPA, specifically the 1980 Superfund law (formally known as the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act or CERCLA) and the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan, the regulation detailing how site investigation and response is to be conducted. In other words, although the Corps chooses the remedy at FUSRAP sites, the process used by the Corps, and the cleanup standards applied, are identical to those that the EPA follows. In addition, these FUSRAP clean-ups are conducted by the Corps with EPA oversight.

The North St. Louis County sites – the St. Louis Airport Site, the St. Louis Airport Site Vicinity Properties (including Coldwater Creek), Latty Avenue Properties (including the Hazelwood Interim Storage Site (HISS) and the Futura Coatings Property) – as well as the St. Louis Downtown Site, were determined by DOE to be eligible to be addressed under FUSRAP. As a result, the Corps selected the remedies for these sites and sees to their implementation with EPA oversight. The West Lake Landfill site has not been designated by DOE to be part of FUSRAP. Accordingly, EPA is the agency responsible for site investigation and remediation, which has been conducted by four “potentially responsible parties” pursuant to an enforceable order subject to EPA oversight.

I want to assure you that people are not now exposed to unsafe radiation from the waste buried in West Lake Landfill because the site is fenced to prevent public access. Groundwater beneath the site, which has been determined to be contaminated in isolated areas, is not now, never has been, and will not be used as a drinking-water source.

Throughout the long process of selecting, overseeing, and implementing remedies, this agency has strived to be transparent to the people of the St. Louis area and has welcomed public comment.

If we can be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact me at 913-551-7006, or your staff may call LaTonya Sanders, Congressional Liaison, at 913-551-7555.

Sincerely,

Karl Brooks

OPA:SANDERS:ls:02-18-14:FUSRAPlettertocongressionaldelegation

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02/ /14	02/ /14	02/ /14	02/ /14	02/ /14	02/ /14

Sanders, LaTonya

From: Sanders, LaTonya
Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2014 9:49 AM
To: Gravatt, Dan
Cc: Tapia, Cecilia; Hammerschmidt, Ron; Field, Jeff
Subject: ACTION REQUIRED: Inquiry from Sen. Roy Blunt re: USGS letter

Importance: High

Hi Dan,

Do we have this letter and can we share it with congressional staff?

Please advise.

Thanks.

From: DeGregorio, Kerry (Blunt) [mailto:Kerry_DeGregorio@blunt.senate.gov]
Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2014 9:40 AM
To: Sanders, LaTonya
Subject: USGS

LaTonya,

It is my understand that EPA has received a USGS administrative letter reviewing the document titled: *Risk and Character of Radioactive Waste at the West Lake Landfill, Bridgton Missouri*.

I would appreciate if you could share a copy of that letter by email.

Thanks you.

Kerry J. DeGregorio
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4/14 - Cecilia will send to me. Ask Kare is it o.k. to send to Sen. Blunt.

(AI)

Sanders, LaTonya

From: Sanders, LaTonya
Sent: Monday, April 14, 2014 5:42 PM
To: Hatch, Sarah
Cc: Carey, Curtis; Peterson, Mary
Subject: Back-up my congressional duties during my absence from the office April 15 – 21, 2014

Importance: High

Hi Sarah,

If your schedule allows, please back-up my congressional duties during my absence from the office April 15 – 21, 2014.

1. Email press releases, public meeting notices, fact sheets, etc.
 - a. Anything West Lake (West Lake Update, etc.) send to the list below with a cc: to distefano.nichole@epa.gov
2. Schedule a congressional briefing with the West Lake Congressional Delegation for either Thursday, April 17 or Friday, April 18.
 - a. This briefing is to update the congressional staff on the lawsuit, IAG and the AOC
 - b. Double-check with Curtis on timing
 - c. Briefings are scheduled for 30 minutes
 - d. Coordinate with Julie on Karl's calendar/availability
 - e. Send appt. through the Outlook calendar
 - i. One appt. for EPA staff (Karl Brooks, Curtis Carey, Ron Hammerschmidt, Cecilia Tapia, Jeff Field, Dan Gravatt – cc: Nichole Distefano)
 - ii. One appt. for congressional staff (email addresses below)
 1. In the appt. subject line: West Lake Landfill Briefing for Congressional Staff
 - f. Schedule conference room for EPA staff
 - g. Check with Julie/use the RA's conference line: 866-299-3188; access code 9135517444; leader pin 3500
3. USGS Review of Criss Letter (I will send you a separate email)
 - a. Check with Curtis to see if Karl has approved the letter being shared with Sen. Blunt's office
 - b. Once Karl approves:
 - i. Call Ron Hammerschmidt to let him know Karl has approved, he will give a heads-up to USGS
 - ii. Send to: kerry_degregorio@blunt.senate.gov

4/28 - Ron/Cecilia will check with Karl today.
Ron & Cecilia will review and have an answer on 5/2.

4. I have provided your name, email address and phone number in my out-of-office messages on phone and email

West Lake Congressional Delegation

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Sanders, LaTonya

From: Cacho, Julia
Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2014 9:48 AM
To: Sanders, LaTonya
Cc: Jackson, Robert W.
Subject: FW: Proposed Agenda Topics Westlake Update

Thank you,
Julie

From: Jackson, Robert W.
Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2014 9:44 AM
To: Brooks, Karl; Hague, Mark; Tapia, Cecilia; Hoefer, David; Slugantz, Lynn; Field, Jeff; Stoy, Alyse; Carey, Curtis; Peterson, Mary
Cc: Cacho, Julia; Peters, Dana
Subject: Proposed Agenda Topics Westlake Update

Proposed Agenda Topics:

IB Next Steps –USACE and PRP

(AI) USACE Technical Document Regarding Lead 210 – *send report to congressional staff.*

NRRB Next Steps

August 11 CAG Meeting – *Monitor media about Lois Gibbs event.*

Air Monitoring Update

West Lake Update – *update the path ahead for this edition.*

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Sanders, LaTonya

Subject: West Lake Tag up
Location: R7-RO2.2-S08-14/R7-RO; R7-Conflin-913-551-7870-P10XXXX/Phone/R7-RO

Start: Mon 11/3/2014 11:00 AM
End: Mon 11/3/2014 12:00 PM
Show Time As: Tentative

Recurrence: Weekly
Recurrence Pattern: every Monday from 11:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Organizer: Peterson, Mary
Required Attendees: Washburn, Ben; Sanders, LaTonya; Whitley, Christopher; Kessler, Martin; Bond, Shannon; Carey, Curtis

Agenda Items:

1. ✓ PIC inquiry – Ben
2. ✓ Community Engagement quarterly report update
3. ✓ WL Update – this week's issue on IB report / Wednesday
4. ✓ WL Update – plan for next week / air monitoring report / Systems
5. Future CAG involvement
6. FOIA update – air data released last Friday

Sanders, LaTonya

From: Peterson, Mary
Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2014 8:26 AM
To: Sanders, LaTonya
Subject: Declined: West Lake Tag Up

As it turns out, I have to attend the RTOC meeting for Bob. Here are a few items for discussion at the WL Tag up:

1. CAG Resolution responses – response to resolution 1 (health clinic) is on the H drive and needs to be prepared for concurrence. The file is in the WL Schedule Tracker/community-mce/CAG folder. Response to resolution 2 (relocation) needs to be drafted using language from Lois Gibbs response (saved in the CMS folder on WL Schedule Tracker).
- ✓ 2. WL Update content for next issue – focus on relocation using text of Lois Gibbs response.
3. FOIA update – Did disc 4 get sent out? I left it with Curtis last week. – confirm w/Emily mailed 11/12/14
4. Community Engagement Quarterly Report – I still have not seen a draft, but I need to be in the review loop, at least for the first one.
5. Plans for a Congressional call per Karl's instruction

Thanks for leading the meeting!

– talking points
– Schedule prebrief

Tuesday

Sanders, LaTonya

From: Sanders, LaTonya
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2014 2:59 PM
To: Slugantz, Lynn
Subject: Roll call for tomorrow's congressional briefing

Hi Lynn,

Curtis and I will check the training agenda tomorrow.

If we can, we'll join the call and I'll take roll call.

I'll notify you before the call to let you know for sure.

If not, below are the names of the congressional members and their staff who may participate.

After Karl opens the call, please start the roll call with Sen. McCaskill, asking "Who's on the call from Sen. McCaskill's office?" (check off names or write names down), next Sen. Blunt and so on.

Sen. Claire McCaskill

✓ Jo Middleton
Mark Fowler
Pat Bond
Tod Martin

Sen. Roy Blunt

✓ Downey Palmer
Kerry DeGregorio

✓ Jennifer Hodgins
✓ Hilary Pinegar

Rep. William Lacy Clay

✓ Lou Aboussie
✓ Steve Engelhardt
Pauline Jamry

Rep. Ann Wagner

✓ Erik Rust
✓ Jordan Fears
Brecht Mulvihill

Thanks!

--LaTonya

Lynn, Alyse, Matt
Ben, Brad, Chris

12-15-14

Agenda

Preparation for RA Interview with Jacob Barker, St. Louis Post-Dispatch (12/17/14 at 11:30)

I. Discrepancy between Thalhammer report and EPA on site risks due to SSE

a. "Why shouldn't people worry about exposure due to SSE?"

— post to webpage
— pull from the Lois Gibbs response letter and previous SSE talking points.

b. Latest MDNR reports(?)

II. CAG Update

a. "Why did EPA 'stop' attending CAG meetings?"

"EPA is committed to continuing its support of the CAG, as it has supported the CAG since its inception."

"EPA has a responsibility to ensure that all community members near a Superfund site have the opportunity to be heard and participate in the Superfund process. In lieu of meeting with the entire CAG at the December CAG meeting, EPA met with CAG leadership at the start of the month as part of an effort to engage the broader community audience directly."

"EPA continues to work closely with the CAG and the entire affected community at the West Lake Landfill site, and remains committed to fulfilling its obligations to the community by providing ample opportunities for community participation in the Superfund process."

"In addition to EPA providing support to the CAG, the agency also provides an independent environmental consultant to provide direct technical support to the CAG."

~~"There was no single reason, such as the safety of federal employees, as to why EPA did not attend the December CAG meeting. As I mentioned earlier, the agency felt the need to conduct additional outreach in December beyond just the CAG."~~

~~"EPA will participate in future CAG meetings, depending on the agenda set by the CAG leadership and latest site developments and milestones."~~

III. FOIA

a. Specific answers can only be developed upon receipt of the question.

b. General talkers?

— Kerry DeBraganza
Anne Went out
with the first
batch re: Sen.
Blunt's site visit

IV. Overall Site Timeline

a. When will a new ROD be issued? — no time soon.

b. When will EPA make a decision on the isolation barrier?

— evaluating options
still receiving feedback
supplemental Supplemental Feasibility Study?

V. Additional Questions?

USGS report release? 12/18

DRAFT West Lake FOIA Action Plan

The Office of Public Affairs developed this (draft) Action Plan to guide Region 7's communications after the release of emails associated with the FOIA request filed by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Pre-Release:

EPA Region 7 will reach out to certain internal and external individuals with whom Region 7 communicated regarding West Lake and whose emails will be released to the public by the agency.

Specifically:

LaTonya will conduct a call with Congressman Clay's office (Steve Englehardt) regarding an email in which a member of Congress' staff characterizes the work of Peter Anderson (Center for a Competitive Waste Industry)

LaTonya will also call Tom Reynolds and Nichole Distefano in HQ to alert them of FOIA fulfillment.

Ben will conduct a call with Bridgeton City Councilman Jerry Grimmer to inform him of an email in which he characterizes certain community members and groups as "zealots."

Karl will talk to or see: -call -call -tonight
Suggest Karl may make direct contact with Mathy Stanislaus, USGS leadership, USACE leadership, and Missouri Attorney General's office. *- this week*

Post-Release:

EPA Region 7 will develop a **communication strategy** to effectively answer any questions which may arise as a result of fulfilling the FOIA request. The communication strategy will focus on response to media inquiries and how to best address those questions.

*Key messages
talking points*

Sanders, LaTonya

~~AI~~ Contact Lynn
on Wednesday 12/3

From: Sanders, LaTonya
Sent: Tuesday, December 02, 2014 8:29 AM
To: Slugantz, Lynn
Subject: RE: ATTENTION REQUIRED: Sen. Blunt's request to USGS for a briefing on the West Lake groundwater review report

Importance: High 720-244-4543

Davis cell phone

Hi Lynn,

Checking with you on the status of our follow-up with USGS?

I'd like to get back with Dave Ozman, if I need to.

Thanks.

From: Carey, Curtis
Sent: Wednesday, November 26, 2014 10:15 AM
To: Slugantz, Lynn
Cc: Sanders, LaTonya
Subject: RE: ATTENTION REQUIRED: Sen. Blunt's request to USGS for a briefing on the West Lake groundwater review report

Lynn,

I know you'll be reaching out to the USGS regarding this issue. LaTonya will need to get back to their regional comm chief but we don't want to do that until after you've spoken to your counterpart. Please advise.

thanks

12/15 - Dave Ozman
USGS briefing Sen. Blunt
10:30 a.m. 12/17

From: Sanders, LaTonya
Sent: Friday, November 21, 2014 4:26 PM
To: Brooks, Karl; Slugantz, Lynn; Carey, Curtis
Cc: Weber, Rebecca
Subject: ATTENTION REQUIRED: Sen. Blunt's request to USGS for a briefing on the West Lake groundwater review report
Importance: High

Good Afternoon,

I received a call from Dave Ozman, Regional Communications Chief, USGS (Denver, CO).

Dave received a recent request to be briefed on the USGS groundwater review report, from Downey Palmer (Sen. Blunt's Legislative Assistant/Counsel). There was also a request from Kerry DeGregorio (Sen. Blunt's Constituent Advocate) as well.

① Comfortable with USGS responding to congressional requests for briefings.

① discussed and seen a partial draft

① Request day and time of briefing beforehand

① Overview PPT slide

① Dec. 17 target date to release report to EPA.

① send report to elected officials and EPA
- post to web
- news release
- WL update

John Schumacher
Bob Swanson
Clarice Ransom
cong. affairs

West Lake Tag Up Agenda 1/6/15

- I. West Lake Update
 - Current issues
 - a. Path Ahead — TRSD
 - b. Year in Review — draft developed / out this week
 - Next issue — air monitoring data sampling rollout
↓
- II. Air Monitoring Data Summary Roll Out — full cant press
 - Press Release, Talking Points, West Lake Update
 - RA Brief, media availability session

② Moving Forward

Focus areas will be more about the ROD / final remedy.
Less about the IR.

1/8 — meeting w/ the AG.
Karl

1-13-15

West Lake Tag Up Agenda ~~12/4/14~~

I. West Lake Update

- Path Ahead
- Air Monitoring
- GCPT Phase II

— 1/20

— Alyse Stuy, Brad Vann
MORR Republic

re: letters to direct
to conduct the Phase II

II. GCPT Phase II

- Letter directing Republic to begin work
- Press Release, West Lake Update

Year in Review — this week

media advisory — 1/21

press availability — 1/22

(AI) Schedule briefing for Karl for 1/20

re: WL air monitoring data rollout
GCPT release

- press availability session
- Congressional briefing

Sanders, LaTonya

From: Carey, Curtis
Sent: Monday, January 12, 2015 9:31 AM
To: Brooks, Karl; Washburn, Ben; Stoy, Alyse; Slugantz, Lynn; Jackson, Robert W.; Hague, Mark; Field, Jeff; Vann, Bradley
Cc: Fenton, Kathleen; Sanders, LaTonya; Bryan, David
Subject: WL Comms this week

WL Comms this week:

1. LTE drafted and sent to Karl for final review. *- ready per Karl*
2. Air Monitoring Data Summary roll out: **Ben**, did you receive the final report from Josh in Air? Is our target release day still Wednesday? *1/22*
3. WL Update Year in Review Thursday or Friday? *- still waiting CNSA/OCG advice*
4. New Item: [REDACTED]. Need **CNSL** guidance.
5. Dawn Chapman request for EPA to correct Republic Service's use of the word "encapsulate". I've not seen Republic use this language, although I did see two independent experts and Jacob Barker use this language in a recent news story (see below for quote). According to a brief Google News search, the word encapsulate has been used a number of times in the news media this past year including in the May 9 Post-Dispatch Editorial by the Editorial staff. http://www.stltoday.com/news/opinion/editorial-epa-urgency-on-bridgeton-should-be-felt-at-west/article_fb344790-82bc-5e24-ba0b-cac991b91f0a.html I don't know if there's cause here for EPA to make any statements either way since we don't have a final ROD. **Ben or Brad**, If I've missed something that's been in the news media attributed to Republic please let me know. *- not responding*

http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/health-risks-from-west-lake-landfill-still-unclear/article_23424c2c-9c0d-553f-84b0-33dd5e20623b.html

While the community waits on the EPA to make a decision on a final remedy, both Walensky and Skinner agreed that leaving the waste where it is and encapsulating it, or completely enclosing it, makes more sense than excavation and removal.

"If you just encapsulate it, that would be the easiest thing," Walensky said. "I think I would be more concerned if you disturbed it and you started scooping everything out."

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West Lake Tag Up Agenda

12/9/14

- I. ¹²⁻⁸⁻¹⁴ CAG Meeting Report - EPA did not attend
50 people in attendance
- II. ^{next week} West Lake Update - the Path Ahead
Documentary film new in attendance
updated, will send to Chris
new CAG resolution, no signs, protests
inside of meeting.
- III. FOIA Update
due tomorrow, partial release
no January meeting
- IV. Additional Topics
legal options for EPA to attend
CAG questions
CAG held elections, voice vote
- now in hard copy
concurrency

West Lake Tag Up Agenda 1/20/15

I. West Lake Update

- Current issue
- Next issue — Isolation Barrier Decision announcement ^{week of} 1/24

II. Isolation Barrier Decision Announcement

- Media Advisory (press conference), Press Release, West Lake Update
- Program briefing with SUPR
- RA briefing
- Congressional and State Elected official notification briefing

— calls to members by Karl

III. FOIA status

- "Community Engagement" document

[community engagement document
in companion to the 2011 CIP]

IV. Other topics

West Lake Tag Up Agenda 2/10/15

I. West Lake Update

- Air Monitoring/GCPT Phase I release this week (tomorrow?) — Thurs 2/12
- Next issue: long-term remedy, CAG meeting announcement, USACE letter

II. CAG Questions

- Conducted group review with Lynn, Alyse, and Jeff Field
- Now in hard copy concurrence

III. Community Engagement Trip

- Meet with Kay Drey, Ed Smith; Matt LaVanchy; Dr. Faisal Khan; John Kitchen (Northwest Metals owner, a business on the fence line of the landfill) — Thurs Thurs Fri Fri
- Earth City declined a meeting at this time

IV. FOIA status

- St. Louis Public Radio/Veronique LaCapra — extension to next week 2/18
- MCE/Ed Smith x2
- Peter Anderson — ask for all the air monitoring data

V. Other topics

- St. Louis Public Radio request for air monitoring data
- Wendy Lumetta's request for meeting with Karl

January 20 Off-Site Air Monitoring Summary Press Call
Opening Remarks

- I would like to thank all of the media for joining us today for this important announcement.
- Since late May of last year, EPA has conducted off-site air monitoring in areas around the West Lake Landfill to document baseline conditions and optimize methods prior to any potential on-site construction or work.
- Bottom line up front: the levels of air pollutants and radiation measured by EPA's monitors around the landfill are similar to those measured at other monitors in St. Louis and in other large metropolitan sites across the country.
- EPA's monitoring system sampled for typical solid waste landfill gases, such as volatile organic compounds (VOCs), sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide, and hydrogen sulfide.
- For alpha and beta radiation, all monitored median values were consistent with median values for the air monitor placed in St. Charles. One of the five off-site monitors was placed in St. Charles to serve as a reference for the four monitors in the immediate vicinity of the landfill.
- Gamma radiation monitors around West Lake Landfill showed values that were consistent with the variability of natural geological radiation sources in the area.
- While St. Louis struggles with air quality in the same manner as other large industrial cities in the Heartland, there is no indication from EPA's monitoring data that the landfill is significantly contributing to St. Louis' air quality concerns.

⑥ Messages we want to see in the newspaper

Potential Questions and Answers for Jan. 20 Press Call

1. What do you say to residents who claim that the odors from the landfill have negatively impacted their lives and health?

Answer: We certainly recognize that those living close to the landfill have had to endure foul odors emanating from the landfill at times and that it has had an effect on their quality of life. MDNR is doing a great job in the lead regarding odors; our air monitoring system compliments theirs and indicates that the levels of pollutants in the air around West Lake Landfill are consistent with other areas of metropolitan St. Louis.

2. Since this air monitoring effort was intended to establish a baseline prior to construction activities, does that mean that construction will begin soon on the isolation system?

Answer: EPA is currently evaluating isolation system options with input from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. At this point, EPA has not made its decision on the next steps regarding an isolation system.

3. What will this air monitoring data be used for? Is this data only useful for the isolation system, or is it also useful for the long-term remedy decision making process?

Answer: EPA will use all data collected to date to help inform the long-term remedy decision at the site. In particular, this data will be useful as a reference for when any construction begins on site in order to identify any fugitive emissions that may emanate from the landfill as a result of the site work.

4. Will EPA continue off-site monitoring in the interim period between now and construction of the isolation barrier and construction of the long-term remedy?

Answer: EPA has established baseline levels for the typical landfill constituents for areas around the site. The agency will continue to monitor for the radiological components until the agency has one full year of data. Prior to any on-site construction, EPA will reactivate the monitoring system for use throughout any construction. MDNR continues to operate its on-site air monitoring system.

5. Does the hydrogen sulfide data indicate a potential threat to those living and working around the landfill?

Answer: Due to the methodology used in collecting the hydrogen sulfide data, EPA has low confidence in the reliability of that data (and of only the hydrogen sulfide data). EPA has now optimized its methodology for collecting hydrogen sulfide data to provide the agency with more consistent results. EPA encourages the public to review the hydrogen sulfide data collected by the MDNR.

and analyzing

draft 1/20/15

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Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and Nine Tribal Nations

EPA Says Air Quality near West Lake Landfill Consistent with Greater St. Louis and Other Midwest Cities

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Environmental News

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

(Lenexa, Kan., January 20, 2015) – EPA Region 7 released new data today that shows air quality around the West Lake Landfill Superfund Site in Bridgeton, Mo., is consistent with what is found elsewhere in the greater St. Louis metropolitan area, and in other major Midwest cities.

According to agency experts, an air quality monitoring network with five stations operating for the past seven months around the landfill has been documenting baseline conditions that would be needed prior to any construction activities. The network has been monitoring for alpha, beta and gamma radiation as well as typical solid waste landfill gases, such as volatile organic compounds (VOCs), sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide, and hydrogen sulfide.

For alpha and beta radiation, all monitored median values were consistent with median values for a reference air monitor placed away from the site in St. Charles. Gamma radiation monitors around West Lake Landfill showed values that were also consistent with the variability of natural geological radiation sources in the area.

"These efforts to monitor the air and conduct a thorough scientific analysis ~~are vital to EPA's ability to ensure any~~ construction activities are protective of public health," Brooks said. "The numbers are typical of what you would find in the environment elsewhere in St. Louis."

Will help us monitor

to keep them

"The radiation levels being measured indicate there are no releases of hazardous contaminants from the landfill as the readings are no different than that of other Midwest cities," EPA Region 7 Administrator Karl Brooks said. "However, I know that the people who live around the West Lake Landfill have too frequently experienced bad odors from the site and that impacts their quality of life."

The data summary report is available on EPA Region 7's West Lake Landfill web site:
http://www.epa.gov/region7/cleanup/west_lake_landfill/

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